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Bill targeted during pie eating contest



Todd, pie eater, is best for second time.

W. Lebanon, NH—“This young fellow in Todd Tewksbury, age 11,” says Store Reporter Wendy Trotter. “You needn’t feel sorry for him, it’s pie he’s got on his face. It was all part of a Washington Day Sale.”

“Todd is the defending champion of the second annual Cherry Pie Eating Contest at 7004. Out of some 50 contestants, Todd gobbled up his cherry pie smothered in whipped cream the fastest. Winning a gift certificate of \$25, Todd wasted no time collecting his booty. Along with the \$25 came the honor of having his photo in the local paper.”

“The excitement was evident as the

contestants took their places. Assistant William Bradley and myself tied everyone’s hands to insure a fair contest. Suddenly all eyes were on Bill Bradley. Manager Henry Dende and Sporting Goods Manager Al Lewis had concocted a special pie made only of whipped cream. S-p-l-a-s! Bill Bradley was the target. Needless to say, Mr. Dende was nowhere in sight after that and Al Lewis sure made himself scarce fast. It was a well-planned attack. The crowd loved it.

“Among the other events of the day were door prizes every hour. Our biggest attraction was certain items hidden in the wrong departments. One of the lucky finders was amazed to have found his prize inside a small refrigerator in the appliance department. All prizes were found by 11:00 a.m., surprisingly slower than last year’s record of less than half an hour.

“The old Blue Light was flashing every 15 minutes, drawing the masses of people wherever it went. There were really some good discounts.

“There were even some Martha Washingtons present for the festivities. Cindy Labine, toys, Debbie Mace, checkout merchandiser, Nancy Leech, checkout operator and Lucy Lyman, checkout supervisor, were clad in wigs and old-fashioned dresses to add a touch of authenticity to the occasion. Being the only four to dress up, and all things being equal, each was awarded \$5.

“The entire day, of course, was fun and exciting, but when asked for opinions of the favorite event, almost everyone chose the pie-in-the-face caper. Everyone, that is, except Bill Bradley.”

Polish. While the two told Ed about their escape from Poland, they were treated to a hearty meal at **Kresge 92.**

The man and his son fled Poland on foot and by hitchhiking over a three-day period. They were able to elude border guards by traveling at night.

A local Scranton newspaper said, “Their trek took them at various times through Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Italy. Finally, they flew to the U.S. and landed in New York City, where they bought a Polish language newspaper and apparently read that mining jobs were available in Scranton.” Left behind in Poland were his wife and a 17-year-old son.

The Scranton Chapter of the American Red Cross and Catholic Charities were contacted to aid the father and son.

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Escapee aided by assistant

Scranton, PA—Assistant Manager Ed Ostromecki acted as an interpreter for a Polish immigrant and his son who escaped from Communist Poland, coming to this country to work in the coal mines. Their belief was that there was much more work here and higher paying jobs. The immigrant told Ostromecki he worked in the mines for 25 years and earned \$17 a month. He wanted to come to this country to better himself. Ed Ostromecki tried to explain to him that the coal mine in the Scranton area has been closed for some time and that the others that are in operation were being struck by the United Mine Workers Union of America.

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Security Manager Ben Smith in training for present position.

Frederick, MD—There was a baby contest at **K mart 3131.** “There were lots of cute babies and older

Imagination stimulated at 3131

children’s pictures to tax the imagination, including two studies,” says Store Reporter Ruth Fraley.

“It gave a lot of pleasure and fun to all just trying to guess who was who.

The honor of ‘most favorite’ was a curly-haired little fellow, standing on a lovely wicker chair. The little cutie turned out to be the store security manager, Ben Smith, who by the way still has his curls.

“Prizes were awarded to Mr. Smith for being the cutest, and yours truly, Ruth Fraley, for the most correct matches. Mr. Smith may be cuter, but I’m a better guesser.”



Jo Ann Currant, a helpful escapist.



John Thomas, searcher for novel material.



Sandy Hill and Tom Green exhausted after 12 hours of dancing.

Claymont, DE—On a dark night at exactly 11:10 p.m. along Interstate 15 near the outskirts of Salt Lake City, UT, two unsuspecting strangers met. Little did they know they had a mutual bond.

John Thomas was drifting across the countryside in search of additional material for a book he’s working on. Jo Ann Currant was driving southbound on I-15. Seeing someone standing off the highway with a back pack, she stopped and offered assistance.

“That’s it, that’s the end of the story, except for one more little tidbit. It turned out they are both

Driving, drifting, dancing brings people together

K mart employees: John, cook in The Family Restaurant at 7110 and Jo Ann, supervisor of front checkout at 3211. Able to share knowledge and make comparisons of their work made the rest of the ride most enjoyable for both.

“It’s a small world,” Store Reporter Helen Maher reflects. Or is it just that K mart is more and more in it?

Claymont has a double hitter this month at 7110. “Can you imagine dancing for \$15 an hour for 24 hours straight?” Helen Maher asks.

“That’s what Sandy Hill, service desk employee and Tom Green from receiving did from 8 p.m. one night until 8 p.m. the next at the Tri-state Mall in Claymont.”

About 75 couples started the dancing. After nearly 12 hours, only eight couples were left. Sandy and Tom were among them. Together they collected almost \$300 in pledges for the Easter Seal Society in order to help handicapped children and adults.